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HOT WHEELS

Private vehicle boom

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Water woes continue

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Roads in layout dug a year ago for laying underground drainage pipes risk safety of children/elderly

LAYOUT LAID BARE

BWSSB work ongoing in 4th T Block of Banashankari 6th Phase

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The residents of 4th T Block of Banashankari 6th Phase are worried about the safety of children and senior citizens due to the bad condition of the roads that were dug up by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) for laying underground drainage (UGD) pipes.

Senior citizens dread walking on these roads as they are not sure of reaching their destinations without injuries.

Recently, a third standard student attempted to ride a bicycle on the road but ended up with injuries on forehead and both lips when he fell from the bicycle due to the bumpy road. The student, who wanted to enjoy school holidays, ended up in bed rest due to the injuries.

"It has become a tough task for the residents to walk on these roads that were dug up a few months ago by the BWSSB for laying the UGD pipes. We have been in touch with the BWSSB engineer to restore the roads that were dug up but in vain.

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“There are 30 families in the vicinity of these roads; some residents are suffering from dust allergy

— KS Dayashankar, resident

Lax infra claims life

Fatal accident stresses need for high-rise pedestrian crossing in Kasavanahalli



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Residents of Kasavanahalli reported an accident involving a woman who worked as a cook in one of the apartments in the area.

According to witnesses, she was hit by a vehicle while walking on the road, resulting in critical injuries. She was hospitalised thereafter on Tuesday. She passed away on Wednesday.

The incident brought to the fore concerns about the urgent need for a high-rise pedestrian crossing (HRPC) in the area, a demand that has been repeatedly raised with the Bangalore traffic police and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) but ignored.

Last year in September, the Bellandur traffic police station had written to the BBMP traffic engineering cell (TEC) asking for HRPC to be installed at different locations in Kasavanahalli, Sarjapur road and Haralur.

The letter stated that Sarjapur Road, Haralur Road and Kasavanahalli Road are along residential and commercial areas. "Residents are living in areas where motorists/drivers are speeding their vehicles... Pedestrians should cross the road in situations where it is impossible for the elderly and young children to cross the road and vehicles are driven at high speeds during non-traffic hours. Due to the high incidence of road accidents, it is requested to take measures for the construction of HRPC and sky-walks in the above-mentioned places of Bellandur traffic police station border

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3 THINGS TO DO



01 Lyrical tribute

Commemorate the 20th death anniversary of the late Padmavibhushan Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra with Devjani Sen and her followers at ODC Bangalore's annual student showcase. Apart from showcasing the talented students, eleven world-class artists from Guruji's globally renowned dance institute, Srjan, will also perform at the event. Audiences will also be treated to Adviteeyam and Sen's original choreography and adaptation of the Jungle Book in Odissi style, which will be brought back to the stage after 5 years. **When:** April 14, 6 pm onwards
Where: ADA Rangamandira, JC Road

02 Comical satire



Get a chance to hear the various dialects of Kannada language alongside melodious music and comedy by watching 'Pukkate Salahe'

(Free Suggestion), directed by Ashok B, and written by famous comic writer H Dundiraj. It is a humorous satire based on a television show that claims to solve problems using astrology and helps callers from all over the state. With 76 shows performed so far, it is one of the famous plays of team Vikasam, who continuously perform Kannada theatre across the city. **When:** April 14, 7 pm; **Where:** Kalagrama, Mallathahalli

03 Bass & drums



Dance your night away grooving to the beats of house and techno music by Sidbit, Dima Mahtarp, Shvm, and more on the deck with 'Uncharted (GUPT Edition)' presented by Social and Pumproom. Join in the adventure, my friend! **When:** April 14, 7 pm onwards
Where: Indiranagar Social

Spotlight on safe eating as cholera cases emerge

13 cholera cases reported this year, vendors advised to cease sale of cut fruits

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There have been 13 cases of cholera this calendar year after eight people tested positive for the disease last week. Eight of the 13 recorded cases came from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) region, with the remaining instances coming from Bengaluru Urban's non-BBMP areas. A resident of HSR Layout has also tested positive for cholera, in addition to two students from Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute.

Meanwhile, BBMP officials have turned their attention to the sale of cut fruits in open markets. Vendors have been instructed to cease this practice, and health officials have been tasked with preventing such unhygienic practices. Furthermore, officials have been directed to conduct inspections of hotels within their jurisdictions and are urged to raise awareness about these measures. Hotels have been advised to provide hot water and ensure cleanliness and hygiene standards are not compromised.

A senior health official said, "Cholera is an acute diarrheal disease caused by the ingestion of food or water contaminated with the bacterium *Vibrio cholerae*. It is primarily associated with areas that lack access to



clean water and proper sanitation facilities, making it a disease of poverty and inadequate public health infrastructure. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that globally, there are between 1.3-4 million cases of cholera each year, resulting in 21,000 to 1,43,000 deaths. The risk of cholera transmission is heightened in overcrowded and unsanitary environments and often occurs in areas with poor sewage systems or improper disposal of waste, allowing the bacterium to enter water bodies and food supplies."

Officials said that shellfish, particularly raw or undercooked, can also harbour cholera bacteria and act as a source of infection when consumed.

Additionally, contaminated water used for irrigation or food preparation can lead to cholera outbreaks. The symptoms of cholera, which include severe watery diarrhoea, vomiting, and leg cramps, typically manifest within two to three days after exposure to the bacteria. In severe cases, rapid loss of fluids and electrolytes can lead to dehydration, shock, and even death if not treated promptly.

Officials said that microscopy, stool cultures, and molecular tests like RT-PCR are commonly used methods for identifying the bacterium and confirming cholera infection, and the treatment focuses on rehydration and electrolyte replacement to counteract fluid loss and prevent dehydration. "Oral rehydration solutions (ORS) are often administered to patients with mild to moderate symptoms, while severe cases may require intravenous fluids and antibiotics to manage complications and reduce the duration of illness. Water treatment methods such as filtration, chlorination, and boiling can help eliminate cholera bacteria from water sources. Washing hands with soap and water, especially before eating and after using the toilet, is crucial in preventing its transmission. Proper food hygiene, including washing fruits and vegetables thoroughly and avoiding consumption of raw or contaminated foods, is also essential," officials said.

They added that public health interventions, such as vaccination campaigns in high-risk areas and community education on cholera prevention, play a vital role in controlling outbreaks and reducing the burden of cholera-related morbidity and mortality.

Access to clean and safe water, proper sanitation practices and good hygiene can prevent cholera disease

— Health officials

Case for high-rise pedestrian crossing

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in order to prevent such accidents and for the safety of pedestrians," it read. However no action was taken. Vishnu Prasad from Kasavanahalli development forum said: "The lady who was trying to cross the road was hit by a two wheeler. Since last year we have been following up with the department to install the HRPC. The BBMP TEC has not done it saying there are no funds. The Mahadevapura zone gives 1000 cr in tax, highest in Bengaluru and yet basic amenities and safety are not met. We have been requesting HRPC and removal of footpath encroachment in Kasavanahalli main road for

months. We have followed up with police, BBMP and even joint commissioner for Mahadevpura. Now with the negligence of the authorities, someone has lost their life."

A resident said, "High-rise pedestrian crossings are essential for several reasons. Firstly, in areas with heavy traffic and multiple lanes, they provide a safe means for pedestrians to cross busy streets without having to navigate through vehicles. Secondly, they help manage pedestrian movement more efficiently, especially in areas with high foot traffic or where streets intersect at different levels."

However the traffic police are yet to launch a probe into the incident.

'Senior citizens dread walking these roads'

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He has been assuring us completion of works whenever we approach him but has done nothing till date," said Srinivasa M, a resident who constructed his house more than six years ago. Criticising the authorities concerned for the pitiable condition of roads at the layout developed by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) more than two decades ago, KS Dayashankar, a resident, said the state of the roads has become a cause of concern for the residents.

"The roads dug up for laying the UGD pipes are generating dust whenever vehicles pass on them. There are 30 families in the vicinity of these roads and some residents are suffering from dust allergy.

These stretches were dug up more than a year ago for laying the UGD pipes. The work is completed but restoration of the roads is yet to be done," said Dayashankar. A resident on the condition of anonymity blamed the BDA for neglecting the layout all these years. "One can imagine how concerned the BDA is if the layout is getting the basic amenity - UGD - after two decades of its formation. We do not know when the authorities will restore or asphalt all the roads at this layout," he said. Meanwhile, BWSSB assistant engineer Lingabasappa S said measures were taken to restore the roads that were dug up for laying the UGD pipes.

"We have completed laying the UGD pipes for a 45-km distance. We have already restored a 30-km road dug up for laying the UGD pipes. Acute shortage of water has delayed the restoration of the remaining 15-km road. We will complete the work depending on the availability of water for the restoration of the road," the BWSSB engineer said.

340% rise in number of private cars on city roads

City's vehicular population stands at over 1.16 crore as of March 31, 2024, of which nearly 88% are privately owned



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Bengaluru has reported a multifold increase in the number of private vehicles this year. As per data collected from the Transport Department, nearly 6.37 lakh new private cars and two-wheelers were registered in the city between April 2023 and March 2024, compared to 4.37 lakh in the same period last year (between April 2022 and March 2023).

While registration of new two-wheelers logged a 19% increase this year, the number of new private cars on city roads has gone up by a whopping 340%. In 2022-23, a little over 36,000 cars were registered. This number went up to nearly 1.6 lakh in this financial year.

The number of non-transport vehicles (including two-wheelers, cars, omnibuses, tractors, private service vehicles, etc) plying on city roads has also witnessed a surge of nearly 45%. Thus, in the last 12 months, Bengaluru has seen over 7.25 lakh vehicles (both transport and non-transport) added to its roads.

With this, the city's vehicular population stands at over 1.16 crore as of March 31, 2024, and nearly 88% of these are private two-wheelers and cars.

Experts say this vehicle boom hurts the quality of life of Bengalureans. A high number of vehicles does not only lead to traffic gridlock, but also creates high emissions, and deteriorating air quality.

"A major part of the problem is probably the lack of awareness among citizens about the impact of increasing vehicular traffic on the environment and health, leading to the tremendous surge in the ownership of private vehicles. People should understand that vehicular emissions are prime factors responsible for high emission of fine particulate matter leading to bad air quality. With the number of vehicles on roads increasing, the average speed of these vehicles is going down, leading to traffic stagnation, in turn, causing higher emissions and poorer air quality," said an air quality expert.

Experts say while the surge in the number of



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vehicles is not unexpected, the rate of increase is alarming, especially in private cars.

According to Professor Ashish Verma, convenor of Sustainable Transportation Lab, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), this mind-boggling increase in the number of private vehicles shows we are not moving towards sustainable mobility solutions.

It is time that the government works on a comprehensive set of policies that discourage ownership and use of cars while prioritizing improvement in the public transport system to make it more attractive and easy to use.

"A jump of 340% compared to last year is phenomenal. This shows we are heading in the wrong direction. The strategy to tackle this from a sustainable mobility solution perspective is to not just focus on improving public transport but also discourage the use of cars. Unless the government realises that this has to be an integral strategy and one in parallel to improving metro connectivity and other modes of public transport, things will not fall into place," said Professor Verma.

Experts say while promoting electric vehicles is a solution being proposed for sustainable mobility, this is debatable.

"Electric vehicles cannot be a solution to traffic congestion. Even if we consider their role in air quality, it is debatable. Unless we have a life cycle assessment of electric vehicles to understand emission rate, we cannot claim this mode of transport to be clean. Bengaluru needs to improve its public transport system by leaps and bounds to bring down ownership of private vehicles," said a city-based public transport proponent.



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Disabled husband need not pay maintenance: HC

The Karnataka High Court has declined to compel a man with a 75 per cent disability to provide maintenance to his estranged wife, and overturned a lower court's order for his arrest or the levying of a fine. The single judge bench of Justice M Nagrasanna emphasised the man's physical

limitations, stating, "The husband walks with the help of crutches," making it impractical to expect him to seek employment in order to pay maintenance. The court rejected the wife's plea for enhanced maintenance, labelling it untenable, and mandated the husband's father to settle the arrears.

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The rest of us

To follow an upheaval from a distance is instinctive - the spectacle voyeuristic nevertheless. Some such evolutionary adaptations have material advantages.

In fields, oftentimes it so happens, egrets eagerly follow those cutting grass. Or a cacophony of birds move along the cattle-drawn plough.

The other day I saw a kingfisher, usually shy, perched on a low branch near a person watering plants with a hose, so that whatever life jumps from the undergrowth by the sprinkle can be pecked up. Well, this is new, I thought.

In the three examples of symbiosis, the beneficiaries of the upheaval are cautiously at a safe distance as they know how deadly humans up close can be, but risk it anyhow. From a distance, it appears they have known each other for long. Peculiar, this whole thing.

As peculiar is the act of certain denominations of the church screening the controversial film 'The Kerala Story' for students at their institutions in Kerala in a propagandist campaign diabolically weaved in ahead of the Lok Sabha election.

So what material advantage is the church after in a state which does not have one sitting member in the lower house of parliament representing the party peddling a film solely based on untruths? There was also the odd incident of a church opening its doors for Eid prayers, not a first in the southern state.

What is markedly appalling is when, feeble as they may be, efforts are on from all still-able spheres to raise an opposition, some quarters, like the screenings in Kerala, and almost all sections of the mainstream press, are mum on issues striking at the core of our democratic discourse, the silence of the poll body notwithstanding, to repeated unlawful references from the incumbent party's campaigners.

So the mainstream press has decided it would not provide an inch of space for the political opposition; it does not indicate that the constituents of this democracy are naive to believe there isn't an alternative. Surely so many are watching the farce from close quarters.

What is apparent is the evil grin of brute power when repeated paid blows are delivered to a political opposition made weak and vulnerable by force. The news of those blows are then shared amongst the electorate readying to choose their next representatives by the pliant press and social media alongside advertisements, with billionaire pre-wedding parties and celebrity endorsements thrown in for flavour.

Such news further disheartens those who in earnest are expecting a political transformation even as they realise repeated delivery of such news is indeed a ploy to break



them into submission.

Surely then they are to think there isn't hope for the rest like them, awaiting deliverance almost a decade later. Perhaps such one-sided electioneering has never transpired in the history of independent India, when hardly any space is given to the political opposition in the media, traditional or new, or to even trace the socioeconomic and political course of the past decade in this country and the desired trajectory, forget about debate.

The political opposition in fact is enormous though seemingly silent, made weak and vulnerable, denying them space for almost a decade. They include all political parties (apart from the incumbent) whose leaders are hounded repeatedly, their supporters, those who are politically opposed to the so-called ideology of the ruling dispensation and all who are of the view that a level playing field, which is constitutionally mandated in a democracy, is consistently denied election after election.

We are a country of the poor — raising a political opposition sans money and might is hard here, even harder if the press and constitutionally mandated bodies are gamified to work against the democratic discourse as it is now. The thought of securing daily bread up against soaring prices and joblessness is rather the primary worry than defeating a morally questionable ideology of homogeneity creeping in from the shadows gnawing bit by bit at the grandeur of a nation raised by centuries of cultural exchange.

As aforementioned, since we are a billion people in penury, and largely focused on livelihood, as daily wagers or families living paycheck to paycheck, drumming up a movement against the incumbent politicians and their crony capitalist funders is a far cry but of course one looks forward to the media, opinion leaders, youths, judiciary, but sadly from no quarter there is a whimper. How bizarre: no one is worried, or so it appears, or everyone is paid to be cool at the face of this grotesquery or tired? What is it?

Elsewhere, in such dire scenarios, sections of the press bid for who they think is an alternative or help host the hustings. With so many mouths to feed, and the majority distracted by the digital din, some here have clearly chosen to stand aside and observe while some like to participate for the sake of democracy, hopelessly despairing.

Race to Lok Sabha



Flower power

Supporters of BJP candidate from Bangalore Central PC Mohan during his rally at JK Puram, on Friday

Special voters to go first

Only 6.52% super seniors, 0.9% disabled registered to vote from today

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Though Bengaluru votes for Lok Sabha polls on April 26, a section of voters will begin 'voting' from Saturday. The super senior citizens (85-plus) and persons with disabilities (PwD) can start voting via postal ballots. However, surprisingly, a majority of the senior citizens and PwDs have not chosen for the postal ballots.

Only 6.52% of senior citizens and 0.9% of PwD have registered to vote. For example, as per electoral rolls, there are 95,128 super senior citizens (Bengaluru North-33,165, Central-28,463 and South-33,500). However, only 6,206 have opted for postal ballots (North-1,975, Central-1,762 and South-2,469). On the other hand, there are 22,222 PwDs (North-9,936, Central-8,359 and South-3,927). However, a mere 201 have opted for postal ballot (North-87, Central-60 and South-54).

A senior official said, "The elderly population above 85 years (referred to as AVSC) and individuals with special needs (PwDs identified in the voter list as PwD) within the Bengaluru North, Central, and South Lok Sabha constituencies under the jurisdiction of the District Election Officer of Bengaluru have been granted the option of postal voting. Individuals aged 85 and above and those with special needs can exercise their vote from their residence between April 13 and April 18. A polling team, comprising two polling officers, security personnel, and a videographer, will visit the voter's



An event in Bengaluru urging people to exercise their franchise

residence to verify their voter ID card. Voting will not be permitted beyond this second attempt. Individuals who have registered for postal voting using Form 12D will not be permitted to visit the polling station and vote using the electronic voting machine."

Officials explained that introduction of home voting represents a forward-looking approach aimed at empowering voters facing obstacles to participating in the electoral process at traditional polling stations. "By offering this optional service to these voter segments, the Election Commission acknowledges the importance of ensuring that every citizen's right to vote remains uninhibited by physical challenges or disabilities. This commitment aligns with the Commission's motto of ensuring inclusivity - ensuring that no voter is left behind," the official said.

The process to avail of this service is straightforward yet compre-

“Individuals who have registered for postal voting using Form 12D cannot visit the polling station and vote

—Senior official

hensive: Eligible voters are required to complete Form 12D within five days of the election notification and submit it to the returning officer. PwD voters need to include a baseline disability certificate along with their applications. The responsibility of retrieving Form 12D lies with the Booth Level Officer (BLO), who collects the completed documentation from the elector's residence. Candidates receive a list of these electors and have the option to appoint a representative to oversee the process. A team visits the house to facilitate the voting process.

CET not set: Logistical hurdles, portal malfunction hit students

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The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) is striving to streamline the upcoming Common Entrance Test (CET) process to eliminate any possibility of malpractice. However, certain measures adopted by the authority have sparked criticism, particularly from Rajajinagar MLA S Suresh Kumar, who alleges that the new process imposes unfair and burdensome punishment on CET exam candidates. This

contention revolves around logistical challenges and students' struggles in accessing their admit cards and navigating the exam process.

"The issue primarily stems from the upcoming CET exams scheduled for April 18 and 19. A substantial number of students who have registered for these exams are finding themselves in a challenging situation as they are required to travel long distances from their homes to reach the designated exam centres. The combination of logistical hurdles, including transportation disruptions and potential delays, has created a stressful environment for many students who are already anxious about the upcoming exams. Furthermore, the malfunctioning of the CET portal has added to the students' woes. Many students have reported difficulties in accessing their admit cards through the portal, leading to frustration and uncertainty

MLA alleges new measures by KEA are adding to the challenges faced by students

about their exam participation," alleged Kumar.

Reacting to this, a KEA official said that they have taken steps to ensure minimum inconvenience to the students.

The situation took a political turn when a state minister voiced his dissatisfaction with the treatment of students and the handling of the CET process. As a result, students from a minister's district were granted a special concession, allowing them to write the exam exclusively in their district. While this concession reduced the burden for students in

that specific district, it raised questions about equitable treatment for all students across the state.

Earlier, reports about difficulties faced by students in obtaining admit cards had come to the fore. Kumar said, "Recently, a student reached out to highlight the challenges they faced with the CET portal. They expressed frustration over the malfunctioning of the portal, particularly in obtaining the admit card for the exam. According to the student, the helpline provided by the CET unit proved unhelpful," he alleged. Officials said that they had resolved the issue.

CAFE BLAST CASE

NIA gets 3-day transit remand of 2 prime suspects



The two men were arrested from a lodge in Kolkata on Friday

The National Investigation Agency on Friday got the three-day transit remand of the two prime suspects allegedly involved in Bengaluru's Rameshwaram Cafe IED blast incident.

The two prime suspects, Abdul Matheen Taha and Mussavir Hussain Shazib were produced before an NIA court in Kolkata.

Speaking to ANI, Debashish Mallick Choudhary said, "A special NIA court has granted a three-day transit remand to produce them before the appropriate NIA court in Bengaluru. One is the absconding accused, along with the main accused. There was a long seizure list containing laptops, mobile phones, sim cards and other digital devices."

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday said that it has arrested the perpetrator and the architect behind the explosion at Rameshwaram cafe.

The two key absconders,

identified as Abdul Matheen Taha and Mussavir Hussain Shazib, were traced out to their hide out near Kolkata and were apprehended by the NIA team.

Mussavir Hussain Shazib is the accused who placed the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) at the cafe and Abdul Matheen Taha is the mastermind behind the planning, and execution of the blast and subsequent evasion from the clutches of law.

In the early morning hours on Friday, NIA said, its teams were successful in tracing the absconding accused near Kolkata, where they were hiding under false identities.

NIA said that the individuals from various spheres of the suspects' lives were being called in for questioning to gather crucial evidence and information pertinent to the case.

Earlier on March 29, the NIA also declared rewards of Rs 10 lakh on each of the two key absconders.

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Canine ban: To be or not to be, activists debate

They say circular was positive move for canines, humans; ends illegal breeding & dogfights

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The Karnataka High Court's order that overturned the central government's recent circular on banning foreign dog breeds has not gone down well with city-based animal welfare workers and organisations, who are of the opinion that it was a positive move towards animal welfare.

The central government issued a circular on March 12 banning the import, breeding, and sale of 23 foreign dog breeds on the pretext of these breeds being ferocious and thus dangerous to human life. However, Karnataka HC has now quashed the circular, stating a lack of stakeholder consultation.

Animal welfare organisations say that the circular should be implemented as it would bring down indiscriminate backyard dog breeding, which is illegal and leads to animal cruelty. "The circular was a step in the right direction, with no threat to existing dogs of these breeds. While calling these breeds ferocious and banning them in that light is debatable, it would certainly put a check on indiscriminate backyard breeding. Such illegal breeding practices have put a lot of animals at risk. Unless the state government comes up with a platform to monitor and regularise dog breeding, this order by the HC should be contested," said Harini Raghavan of Citizens for Animal Birth Control.

Experts highlight that currently, countless dogs are bred without regard for their welfare, thus violating the existing Dog Breeding Rules of 2017. The cruelty in the import, breeding, and sale of large and small breeds of dogs that are unsuited to the Indian climate is what causes



bite instances.

"A husky will be irritable in India's heat. Similarly, mastiffs and other large dogs kept in apartments will get frustrated due to a lack of mental and physical exercise and unchecked abandonment. Any decision reconsidering this ban must be

accompanied by a comprehensive strategy aimed at addressing the plight of foreign breeds unsuited to the Indian environment. This approach should prioritise ending the breeding of such breeds in India, shifting focus towards promoting the adoption of desi dogs," said

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— Harini Raghavan, Citizens for Animal Birth Control

Keren Nazareth, senior director, Humane Society International/India.

Animal welfare organisations further argue that this move would have put an end to pit bull-type breeds being involved in illegal dogfights and protected citizens from being attacked by such foreign breeds that are bred to be ferocious.

According to Shaurya Agrawal, PETA India Advocacy Associate, pit bulls and similar foreign dog breeds are primarily used for dog fights in India, even though inciting dogs to fight is illegal under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. "Without suitable enforcement and regulation, organised dogfights have become prevalent in parts of the country, making pit bull-type dogs and others used in these fights the most abused dog breeds. They are also otherwise typically kept on heavy chains as attack dogs, resulting in aggressive, defensive behaviour and a lifetime of suffering. We will call on the central government to use this opportunity to see how the circular can be further strengthened to protect these vulnerable dog breeds, who are largely bred to be abused, and safeguard humans from such attacks in the future," said Agrawal.

Page-turner move ensures books for all

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An organisation that addresses the issue of disposing of unused sheets in notebooks conducted drives to collect the waste across 11 locations in the city recently.

Recyclothon, a flagship initiative of Youth for Parivarthan (YFP), conducts such drives every year after the completion of the academic year.

Amith Amaranth, founder of YFP, said, "Every summer, after the academic year ends, countless notebooks are disposed of despite containing many unused sheets. Meanwhile, students in rural areas struggle to obtain even basic supplies like notebooks. Our mission is to collect used notebooks with unused sheets, segregate these sheets, and bind them into fresh new notebooks. These newly created notebooks are then distributed to students in government schools located in rural areas, ensuring that every child has the necessary tools to succeed in their education."

According to the organisation, over 100 crore unused blank sheets are wasted in Bengaluru alone after every academic year. This equals 472 tonnes of paper, and 8,000 trees have to be chopped to make this much paper.

The drive was conducted in areas such as Banashankari, Bannerghatta Road, BTM Layout, Mahadevapura, Koramangala, Vijaynagar, JP Nagar, and more.

Amarnath said, "In 2023, thanks to the incredible support of our community, we collected approximately 2.5 tonnes of used notebooks. Through the hard work of 500 dedicated volunteers over eight weekend sessions, we were able to create 3,300 new notebooks from sheets weighing about 350 kg, thus saving about 15 trees." These books were then distributed to students in 26 government schools across Karnataka.

They are collected from the locations and accumulated at the YFP main centre in Banashankari, and then the segregation and binding are done.

In 5 years, MPs spend most for city in 2022-23

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The maximum utilisation of the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) over the last five years was in 2022-23, with a whopping Rs 18.45 crore spent during the period.

According to the study released by B.PAC on MPLAD Fund Utilisation Study (2019-24) and parliamentary participation of Bengaluru MPs, maximum funds were utilised between 2023-24. The data was collected for the five financial years from 2019-20 to 2023-24. In the wake of the Covid pandemic, the MPLADS was suspended from April 6, 2020, to November 9, 2021, and no funds were allocated to



File photo of the laying of the BWSSB drinking water pipeline project

the scheme for FY 2020-21. For the period of FY 2021-22, from November 10, 2021, to March 31, 2022, Rs. two

crore was allocated under the scheme for each MP, during which Rs 0.35 crore was spent towards Covid relief

and Rs 6.42 crore towards health and family welfare.

Out of Rs 18.45 crore spent in 2022-23, Rs 14.80 crore in 2019-20, and Rs 14.66 crore in 2023-24, 42.67 per cent (Rs 23.47 crores) of funds were spent on public infrastructure and development, followed by Rs 16.03 crore on drinking water and sanitation, and Rs 7.27 crore on education.

Overall, Rs 55.88 crore was the total amount recommended by the three MPs over five years. Maximum funds were recommended by Bengaluru South MP with Rs 19.36 crore. Assembly constituencies under the MP constituency that received the most funding are Basavanagudi (Rs 4.33 crore) and Jayanagar (Rs 4.32 crore).

During the year 2022-2023, the highest amount of Rs 3.83 crore (14%)

was recommended for work during the five-year term. Additionally, Bengaluru city MPs took part in 15 sessions during the 17th Lok Sabha. According to the study, the national average attendance of MPs was 79 per cent and the state average for Karnataka MPs was 71 per cent. PC Mohan, MP, Bangalore Central, attended 224 days (82%), LS Tejasvi Surya, MP, Bangalore South, attended 212 days (78%), and DV Sadananda Gowda, MP, Bangalore North, attended 100 days (63%). However, Gowda served as Union Cabinet minister from May 30, 2019, to July 7, 2021 (ministers who represent the government in debates are not required to sign the attendance register). A maximum number of questions were raised by Surya with 382 questions, followed by Mohan with 189 questions. Gowda did not ask any questions.

Water tanker prices defy government caps

Long-term contracts offer stability, but citizens face steep increases in water tanker prices

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Despite government price caps on water tankers, residents of Whitefield are reporting a surge in prices. To provide stable prices, water tanker contractors are entering into long-term contracts with residents.

Amidst the water crisis in Bengaluru, residents have been largely dependent on water tankers. With the surge in prices from January onwards, extorting consumers, the government had issued a cap on water tanker prices. However, there is a failure to enforce the capped prices. Some residents are seeing a 20-50 per cent hike in prices despite the cap set by the government.

"Our layout is seeing a 20 per cent hike in tanker prices. In some areas in the vicinity, prices have shot up by 50 per cent. The price hike was witnessed nearly a month ago. While the supply is regular and expenses remain the same for private water contractors, they seem to be capitalising on the water crisis," said Suresh, a resident of Balagere.

Another Whitefield resident noted that they are facing a severe shortage of water tankers and some apartments in the area are entering



A tanker being filled with drinking water at a Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board filling station (file photo)

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—Suresh, resident of Balagere

into an oral agreement for the supply of water tankers for long periods.

"We have been seeing the Cauvery supply has been progressively declining. In some areas, no water is being supplied for 10-15 days. Borewells have either completely dried up or the yielding capacity has been reduced to 25-30 per cent of earlier capacity. There has been a huge increase in dependence on water tankers. Water supplied by a water tanker has been observed to be hard water. In some areas, apart-

ments are entering into long-term oral agreements to ensure supply for a long time. Water tankers would agree to supply water for a couple of months at an agreed upon fixed price and the demand/supply would not affect the prices," said Pravir B, a resident of Whitefield.

In another apartment in Balagere, residents are seeing increased maintenance costs. "There has been an increase in maintenance costs which has been attributed to the higher price of water tankers," said a resident.

In March 2024, the state government announced the capping of water tanker prices via an order passed by Bengaluru DC. Prices of water tankers were capped at a 12 thousand litre capacity water tanker at Rs 1,000 for a distance within 5km and at Rs 1,200 for areas lying between 5-10 km. Additionally, there is a price cap of Rs 600 for the supply of a 6,000-litre water tanker within a 5 km radius and Rs 750 for areas between 5-10 km.

NCBS to establish field station for biodiversity monitoring

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The National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) for Ecology and Biodiversity Research will set up a field station for long-term monitoring of flora and fauna vis-a-vis climate change.

Dr Saraswathy Ganapathy, wife of late Girish Karnad and family have made available a large tract of uncultivated land near Western Ghats to the National Centre for Biological Sciences for Ecology and Biodiversity Research and long-term monitoring of biodiversity.

"The field will be made available for the larger community of ecologists and wildlife biologists in the region for their studies on biodiversity and conservation," said Professor LS Shashidhara, Director of NCBS-TIFR.

NCBS-TIFR announced this amid a meeting of ecologists and wildlife biologists from academia, government organisations and NGOs across Bengaluru and Mysore regions. The meeting was aimed at fostering collaborative ecological research and exploring ways to establish long-term ecological monitoring in the country.

During the meeting, the group focussed on locating crucial spaces to set up long-term monitoring programmes, indicative parameters and, finding sources of funding for such initiatives. The discussion and suggestions also included the need for capacity building and training

that ensures the availability of trained personnel for continuous monitoring of Indian biodiversity for decades to come.

Dr Ganapathy explaining her motivation to dedicate this land for research said, "We have always wanted to find a use for this land that preserves it for Coorg and protects the environment. We couldn't have hoped for a better partner than NCBS to be its steward. Knowing that this forest will support long-term ecological research is very exciting".

Professor Uma Ramakrishnan, a well-known population geneticist working on the conservation of endangered species said, "Environmental issues seem to surround us. To address these we must adopt sustainable practices, but also deepen our understanding of nature: how will it change, and how can it mitigate ongoing negative global effects. Only long-term studies allow such understanding. This required long-term access to parcels of land in biodiversity hotspots like the western ghats. We at NCBS are thrilled with this opportunity to be custodians of and work with this land parcel. We hope to contribute to scientific understanding."

Professor Satyajit Mayor said, "With the lack of commitment to ecological monitoring and serious ecological stresses on the Indian sub-continent, long-term ecological monitoring of changes in ecosystems and biodiversity in vulnerable hotspots of extreme biological diversity becomes more than an imperative."



The Western Ghats

IISc develops hydrogel to combat microplastics

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To combat plastic pollution, researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a sustainable hydrogel capable of removing microplastics from water. This innovative material binds and degrades microplastic contaminants using UV light irradiation.

The hydrogel, designed by the team at IISc, boasts impressive efficacy in removing microplastics, with reported removal rates of around 95 per cent and 93 per cent for two different types of microplastics at near-neutral pH levels. Moreover, experiments testing the material's strength and durability have shown promising results, indicating stability under various temperatures. Traditional methods of microplastic removal, such as filter-

Innovative material can remove microplastics from water by binding to contaminants and degrading them

ing membranes, often prove unsustainable due to clogging issues. In response, the IISc team turned to 3D hydrogels. Their hydrogel comprises three different polymers intertwined to form an Interpenetrating Polymer Network (IPN) architecture. Infused with nanoclusters of a material known as copper substitute polyoxometalate (Cu-POM), the hydrogel becomes equipped with catalysts that can effectively degrade microplastics under UV light exposure.

Soumi Dutta, the first author of the study and SERB National Postdoctoral fellow at the Department of Materials Engineering, elaborated

on the research. "Along with treatment or removal of microplastics, another major problem is detection. Because these are very small particles, you cannot see them with the naked eye," Dutta stated. To address this challenge, a fluorescent dye was added to the microplastics to monitor adsorption and degradation by the hydrogel under varying conditions.

Suryasarathi Bose, Professor at the Department of Materials Engineering, emphasised the sustainability of the hydrogel. "We wanted to make a material that is more sustainable and can be used repetitively. The hydrogel could last for up to five cycles of microplastic removal without significant loss of efficacy," Bose noted.

Additionally, once the hydrogel has reached the end of its usefulness, it can be repurposed into carbon nanomaterials capable of removing heavy metals from polluted water.

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Sondekoppa-Nelamangala: Prime location for property investors

Nelamangala, once a distant town, is now merging with Bengaluru, thanks to its rapid growth. Today, it is the prime destination for property investment, drawing attention from real estate investors, homebuyers, and developers alike.

This strategic location offers a blend of modern amenities, connectivity, and potential for growth, thus being favourable for those looking to invest in property. One of the key factors that makes Nelamangala-Sonde-



koppa an attractive investment destination is its strategic location. Being situated on the National Highways connecting Mumbai and Hassan, Nelamangala enjoys excellent connectivity to major cities and industrial hubs that not only facilitates easy travel but also enhances the potential for commercial and residential development in the area.

Sunil Kumar, a realtor, said, "The proximity to highways has made Nelamangala a strategic investment choice. It offers easy access to Bengaluru city while also being well-connected to industrial areas like Peenya, Dobbaspet, and Tumakuru, making it ideal for commercial ventures as well. Moreover, it is witnessing significant infrastructural development, further enhancing its appeal to investors."

The development of wide roads, improved water and sanitation facilities, and upcoming residential and commercial projects contribute to the area's growth potential."

Many property investors are shifting to Nelamangala for various reasons. Sandeepini Kumar, who recently bought property, said, "I invested here due to the ongoing infrastructural developments."

The expansion of roads and

upcoming projects indicate future growth and appreciation potential for properties in this area.

Another key aspect that makes it an attractive investment destination is the availability of land at competitive prices. Compared to other parts of Bangalore, Nelamangala offers relatively affordable land and property rates, making it accessible to a wide range of investors and homebuyers."

Sreenivas Sudeesh, a first-time homebuyer, said, "I considered various areas in Bengaluru when buying a home, but Nelamangala stood out due to its affordability. I could find a suitable property within my budget without compromising on quality."

The growing commercial and industrial sectors in Nelamangala are fueling the demand for residential properties. Investors can benefit from this trend by investing in properties that cater to the needs of the local workforce. Additionally, it offers a range of amenities and facilities that enhance

the quality of life for residents, and ensures they have access to essential services and a comfortable lifestyle."

Furthermore, it is witnessing an increase in commercial and industrial activities, contributing to job opportunities and economic growth in the region. This development is driving demand for residential properties, making it a favourable market for real estate investments, he added.

BV Harish, a resident of Nelamangala, said, "Residing at this place has been a great experience. The area has good schools for my children, healthcare facilities nearby, and shopping options, making it a convenient place to live."

With a growing demand for residential and commercial properties, coupled with ongoing developments and amenities, Nelamangala offers promising prospects for real estate investors and homebuyers seeking long-term value and growth in their investments."

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Retail leasing expected to be firm in 2024: Report

The estimated leasing in the retail sector is expected to sustain between 6-6.5 million square feet in 2024, which is anticipated to be driven by primary leasing activity. According to the latest report, the retail sector will have a stable supply environment in 2024 due to the completion of numerous high-quality mall developments.

CBRE South Asia Pvt. Ltd. recently released its '2024 India Market Outlook' report, which sheds light on key trends and projections for the Indian real estate sector. One of the significant findings of the report is the expected firmness of retail leasing in 2024, along with the stable supply environment in the sector.

By the end of the year, it is expected that 5-6 mn sq ft of investment-grade mall space will become operational in Tier-I cities, contributing significantly to the retail landscape. Within the retail categories, the home décor segment is forecasted to expand across

both online and offline formats. Similarly, fashion and apparel players are expected to continue their expansion in Tier-I cities through malls and high streets. Moreover, domestic jewellery brands are also likely to witness continued growth. The entertainment category is gaining traction among consumers, serving as



an alternative to traditional cinema halls, which is expected to drive more leasing activity. Retailers, including anchor tenants and established brands, are anticipated to approach expansion plans cautiously, focusing on locations with high visibility, strong foot traffic, and favorable consumer demo-

graphics. This approach is expected to rationalise rental growth across primary and secondary locations, the report stated.

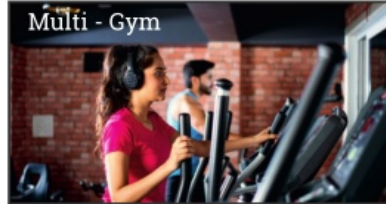
Anshuman Magazine, Chairman & CEO-India, South-East Asia, Middle East & Africa at CBRE, expressed optimism about the retail sector, highlighting the transformation of malls into experiential centres offering a blend of entertainment, dining, and shopping. The luxury retail sector is also experiencing a leasing boom, attracting established brands and new international players.

Ram Chandnani, Managing Director of Advisory and Transactions Services at CBRE India, mentioned the entry of foreign luxury retailers into India through partnerships with local players, reflecting renewed optimism in the retail sector. The report underscores investments from major developers in Tier-I cities and institutional investors targeting Tier-II cities, shaping a dynamic retail landscape.

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BWSSB's messy job leaves road wrecked in Shantinagar

Citizens express dismay over hazardous road conditions left unaddressed after BWSSB's incomplete pipeline project

Residents of the Comfort Narayana Villa building in Shanti Nagar (Ward No 117) have expressed dismay over the unaddressed condition of the road, which was dug up by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB). The cause of their distress stems from a recent project undertaken by BWSSB to install a new pipeline, yet despite project completion, the road remains in a deplorable state, causing inconvenience and hardship to residents.

A resident informed Bangalore Mirror, "A month ago,

BWSSB initiated a project to upgrade the water pipeline infrastructure in the area. While the intention was to improve the water supply, the aftermath has left much to be desired. The road, once smooth and passable, now

The accumulation of dust not only affects the cleanliness of residents' homes but also impacts their health

resembles a hazardous obstacle course, strewn with debris and potholes. We have been requesting BWSSB, but the responses have been disappointing, with no concrete action taken."

Residents allege that the neglect has far-reaching consequences beyond mere inconvenience. With the current dry weather prevailing in the region, the dusty conditions exacerbated by the degraded road pose sig-

nificant challenges to residents. The accumulation of dust not only affects the cleanliness of their homes but also impacts their health and well-being.

"Furthermore, navigating the dilapidated road has become a daunting task for residents. Pedestrians find themselves struggling to walk safely, while vehicle owners face the risk of damage to their vehicles due to the uneven and perilous road surface. Hence, we are now appealing to local authorities to address the pressing issue promptly. We urge immediate action to repair the road and restore it to a safe and functional condition. With the welfare of the community at stake, we implore the concerned authorities to prioritise our grievances and take proactive measures to alleviate our plight," added another resident.

— Pavithra Choudhary



Incomplete pipeline construction in Shantinagar

DID YOU KNOW?



Shivapura, a pivotal site in India's freedom movement, witnessed a bold act on April 9, 1938, as T Siddalingaiah, SK Karim Khan, and NV Krishnamachari defied the British by hoisting the national flag. Their courage sparked a broader self-rule movement in Karnataka. Fast forward to April 9, 2024, citizens convened on SK Karim Khan Road (commonly known as 100 feet road) in Indiranagar to honour the late freedom fighter and raise awareness of his legacy. A screening of a short film about Khan drew attention from passersby, many unaware of his significance. Flyers urged citizens, especially the youth, to uphold constitutional values and honour the sacrifices of past heroes.

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College of the unscrupulous



SCAM 1770

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• **DIRECTOR** Vikas Pushpagiri
• **ACTORS** Ranjan, Nishvitha, B Suresh, Avinash, Srinivas Prabhu, Ramesh Pandit, Raghu Shivamogga.
• **CERTIFICATION** U/A
• **Duration** 130 minutes

This movie is inspired by real incidents of those students and parents exploited by fraudsters and greedy proprietors of professional colleges and coaching institutions. It tries to throw some light on how some parents can make or break their children. Director Vikas Pushpagiri has tried to make this movie interesting despite it not having elements of romance and comedy. The script was written by Dr Indu Natesh and advocate Nethravathi.

The movie begins with Nithya, a bright student of Aryan Institute, ending life after surrendering her medical seat during the mop-up round of counseling. The next scene is when Sub-Inspector Deshmukh (Ramesh Pandit) visits the spot and makes arrangements for the postmortem of the body. Meanwhile, Sathya Murthy (B Suresh), the owner of Aryan Institute, claims that his institute has nothing to do with the deceased.

At this juncture, the director

introduces Thimme Gowda aka T (Ranjan), a newspaper boy whose ambition is to get a seat at a medical college. His brother Suresh (Raghu Shivamogga), is a reporter at a private TV channel. Thimme Gowda gets guidance from Amrutha aka Ammu (Nishvitha), the daughter of a police constable whose aim is to become a doctor. The medical and engineering seat scam thrives with active support from Bashir, a peon, and Gopal Raj (Srinivas Prabhu), an experienced advocate who threatens to file a case against those who complain against Bashir for cheating. Thimme Gowda tries to get a medical seat through the economically weaker section (EWS) quota. What happens to him is what Scam 1770 is all about.

As far as the performance of the actors is concerned, Ranjan is good in action and dance scenes but has to hone his skills to do well in emotional scenes. Nishvitha, as a humble daughter and hardworking student, is convincing. B Suresh has played a different character. His dialogue delivery and gestures are good. Srinivas Prabhu, as a greedy advocate, has acted well. Ramesh Pandit, Raghu Shivamogga, and Sunetra Pandit provide good support. It is worth a watch if you want to know about irregularities in the field of college seats.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

MAKING MAGIC HAPPEN

... Mrunal talks about highs and lows of the craft of acting

Mrunal Thakur has garnered much acclaim with standout performances in prominent films like 'Hi Nanna', 'Sita Ramam', 'Jersey' and the second season of 'Made In Heaven' among others. Through her acting prowess, she has consistently demonstrated her talent and carved out a respected name for herself.

In a recent interview with Pinkvilla, Mrunal recalled some of her most beloved and iconic characters, offering insights into her previous experiences in the industry.

On asking her about the toughest part of acting, she replied that if someone is not in sync, that magic won't happen. What is difficult is when a movie ends and when someone comes back home, it feels like a heartbreak. It's like, she loves those characters and she'll never get to be them.

She further added that this heartbreak is crazier than an actual romantic heartbreak. There are days when she doesn't know what to do. If there's one character that she wants to be, it's Sita Mahalaxmi. So, the most difficult part is to move on, because for her, she has lived through those characters and someone just told her that she needs to leave those characters behind. She is trying to do so, and that is the toughest part.

Mrunal Thakur has recently appeared in several films and shows, including 'Lust Stories 2', 'Jersey', 'Made in Heaven' season 2, 'Super 30', and 'Pippa'. Additionally, she played the lead role alongside Nani in 'Hi Nanna'.

On the work front, Mrunal Thakur was featured in 'The Family Star' alongside Vijay Deverakonda. The film follows the life of Govardhan, a middle-class man dedicated to his family's welfare. Additionally, she is set to play a significant role in the upcoming Hindi film 'Pooja Meri Jaan', directed by Navjot Gulati and Vipasha Arvind.

—ETimes



Afraid so

Actor Daniel Radcliffe has stated that he was "deathly afraid" of Alan Rickman's character, Professor Severus Snape, who taught potions at Hogwarts.

"I was so intimidated by Alan Rickman. How can you not be by that voice? Even hearing that voice, you forget quite how low it was until it echoes through you," Radcliffe said on the 'Happy Sad Confused' podcast, reports deadline.com.

"I was so intimidated by him for the first three movies. I was terrified by him and was like, 'This guy hates me'," he added.

The actor who portrayed 'Harry Potter' then watched an interview in which Rickman discussed him and the rest of the young 'Harry Potter' stars before his death.

In it, Rickman reflected on the "huge pride" he felt for Radcliffe succeeding on Broadway at the time and the pressure that the young actors faced from an early age.

"He cut short a vacation in Canada to come and see



me in Equus. He saw every piece of stage work I did when he was alive," Radcliffe said.

The actor added: "He would take me out afterwards, and we would talk about it." — IANS



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Beetroot has been in the news for all the wrong reasons. Supply issues in recent months have seen a shortage of tinned beetroot on Australian supermarket shelves. At one point, a tin was reportedly selling on eBay for more than AUD 65.

But as supplies increase, we turn our attention to beetroot's apparent health benefits.

Is beetroot really vegetable Viagra, as UK TV doctor Michael Mosley suggests? What about beetroot's other apparent health benefits – from reducing your blood pressure to improving your daily workout? Here's what the science says.

What's so special about beetroot?

Beetroot – alongside foods such as berries, nuts and leafy greens – is a "superfood". It contains above-average levels per gram of certain vitamins and minerals.

Beetroot is particularly rich in vitamin B and C, minerals, fibre and antioxidants.

Most cooking methods don't significantly alter its antioxidant levels. Pressure cooking does, however, lower levels of carotenoid (a type of antioxidant) compared to raw beetroot. Processing into capsules, powders, chips or juice may affect beetroot's ability to act as an antioxidant. However, this can vary between products, including between different brands of beetroot juice.

Is beetroot really vegetable Viagra?

The Romans are said to have used beetroot and its juice as an aphrodisiac.

But there's limited scientific evidence to say beetroot improves your sex life. This does not mean it doesn't. Rather, the vast number of scientific studies looking at the effect of beetroot have not measured libido or other aspects of sexual health.

How could it work?

When we eat beetroot, chemical reactions involving bacteria and enzymes transform the nitrate in beetroot into nitrite, then to nitric oxide. Nitric oxide helps dilate (widen) blood vessels, potentially improving circulation.

The richest sources of dietary nitric oxide that have been tested in clinical studies are beetroot, rocket and spinach.

Nitric oxide is also thought to support testosterone in its role in controlling blood flow before and during sex in men.

Beetroot's ability to improve blood flow can benefit the circulatory system of the heart and blood vessels. This may positively impact sexual function, theoretically in men and women.

Therefore, it is reasonable to suggest there could be a modest link between beetroot and preparedness for sex, but don't expect it to transform your sex life.

What else could it do?

Beetroot has received increasing attention over recent years due to

YOU CAN'T BEET THIS

Beetroot isn't veg Viagra, but here's what else it can do



its antioxidant and anti-tumour effect in humans.

Clinical trials have not verified all beetroot's active ingredients and their effects.

However, beetroot may be a potentially helpful treatment for various health issues related to oxidative stress and inflammation, such as cancer and diabetes. The idea is that you can take beetroot supplements or eat extra beetroot alongside your regular medicines (rather than replace them).

There is evidence beetroot juice can help lower systolic blood pressure (the first number in your blood pressure reading) by 2.73-4.81 mmHg (millimetres of mercury, the standard unit of measuring blood pressure) in people with high blood pressure.

Some researchers say this reduction is comparable to the effects seen with certain medications and dietary interventions.

Other research finds even people without high blood pressure (but at risk of it) could benefit.

Beetroot may also improve athletic performance. Some studies show small benefits for endurance athletes (who run, swim or cycle long distances). These studies looked at various forms of the food, such as beetroot juice as well as beetroot-based supplements.

How to get more beetroot in your diet

There is scientific evidence to support positive impacts of consuming beetroot in whole, juice and supplement forms. So even if you

can't get hold of tinned beetroot, there are plenty of other ways you can get more beetroot into your diet. You can try:

- raw beetroot – grate raw beetroot and add it to salads or coleslaw, or slice beetroot to use as a crunchy topping for sandwiches or wraps
- cooked beetroot – roast beetroot with olive oil, salt and pepper for a flavour packed side dish. Alternatively, steam beetroot and serve it as a standalone dish or mixed into other dishes
- beetroot juice – make fresh beetroot juice using a juicer. You can combine it with other fruits and vegetables for added flavour. You can also blend raw or cooked beetroot with water and strain to make a juice
- smoothies – add beetroot to your favourite smoothie. It pairs well with fruits such as berries, apples and oranges
- soups – use beetroot in soups for both flavour and colour. Borscht is a classic beetroot soup, but you can also experiment with other recipes
- pickled beetroot – make pickled beetroot at home, or buy it from the supermarket. This can be a tasty addition to salads or sandwiches
- beetroot hummus – blend cooked beetroot into your homemade hummus for a vibrant and nutritious dip. You can also buy beetroot hummus from the supermarket
- grilled beetroot – slice beetroot and grill it for a smoky flavour
- beetroot chips – slice raw beetroot thinly, toss the slices with olive oil and your favourite seasonings, then bake or dehydrate them to make crispy beetroot chips
- cakes and baked goods – add grated beetroot to muffins, cakes, or brownies for a moist and colourful twist.

Are there any downsides?

Compared to the large number of studies on the beneficial effects of beetroot, there is very little evidence of negative side effects.

If you eat large amounts of beetroot, your urine may turn red or purple (called beeturia). But this is generally harmless.

There have been reports in some countries of beetroot-based dietary supplements contaminated with harmful substances, yet we have not seen this reported in Australia.

What's the take-home message?

Beetroot may give some modest boost to sex for men and women, likely by helping your circulation. But it's unlikely to transform your sex life or act as vegetable Viagra. We know there are many contributing factors to sexual wellbeing. Diet is only one.

For individually tailored support talk to your GP or an accredited practising dietitian.

(By Lauren Ball, The University of Queensland and Emily Burch, Southern Cross University, The Conversation)

MIND, BODY & HEART



All you need to know about...

Exercise & ageing

Stop lipid

Exercise can help stop the build-up of lipids -- a type of fat that accumulates as the body's tissue gets older -- and thus aid in reversing ageing, revealed a study Friday.

A team of scientists from Amsterdam University Medical Center (UMC), in the Netherlands, conducted the study on both humans and mice.

On the ageing process

Their results, published in the journal Nature Aging, revealed the presence of specific lipids that indicate tissue ageing and which can be decreased through exercise.

"The idea that we could reverse ageing is something that was long considered science fiction, but these findings do allow us to understand a lot more about the ageing process," said Riekelt Houtkooper, Professor at the laboratory Genetic Metabolic Diseases of Amsterdam UMC.

New ways to intervene

"Everyone says that 'it's just part of getting older,' but this doesn't actually have to be true. By understanding more about the ageing process, we can also look into new ways of intervening," added Georges Janssens, Assistant professor at Amsterdam UMC.

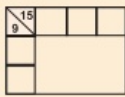
Lipid in question

For the study in mice, the team investigated how the composition of fats caused changes in muscles, kidneys, liver, and heart. They found a type of lipid, the bis (monoacylglycerol) phosphates (or BMPs), were elevated in all tissues from the older animals. The team also found a similar accumulation of BMP in muscle biopsies of older adults. But biopsies after one hour of exercise daily revealed a decrease in the level of BMPs, stressing the importance of exercise.

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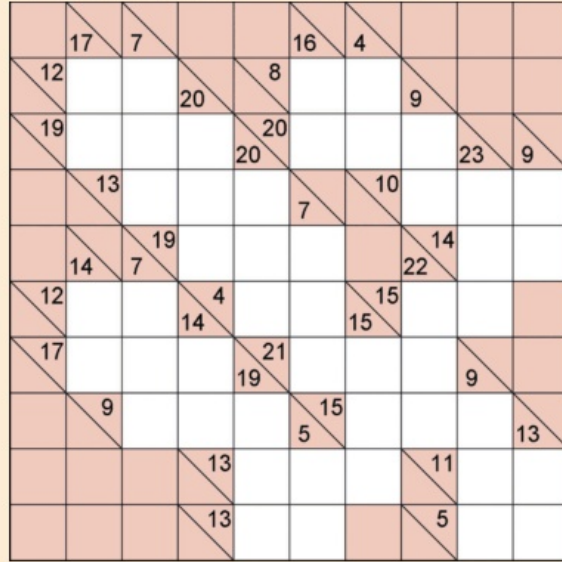
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

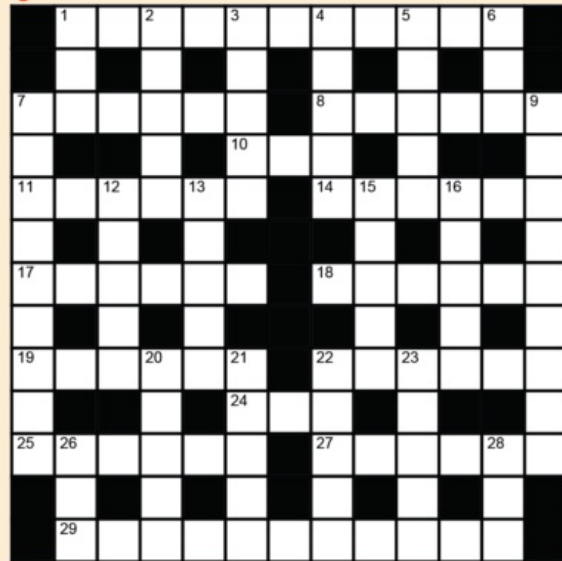


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 A light medium-dry sherry (11)
- 7 Contusion (6)
- 8 Postpone or discouraged (3,3)
- 10 Pedal digit (3)
- 11 Set in motion (6)
- 14 Bigger (6)
- 17 Occurring every 60 minutes (6)
- 18 Apple browser (6)
- 19 Flow controlling devices (6)
- 22 Stopped or desisted (6)
- 24 U.N. arm (3)
- 25 Pinched or bit (6)
- 27 A shallow body of water (6)
- 29 Keyboard instrument (11)
- 3 Pearly whites (5)
- 4 Part of front of coat (5)
- 5 On the move (5)
- 6 An idiotic person (3)
- 7 Amusement park and recreation centre in Cubbon Park (3,6)
- 9 Prohibited (9)
- 12 Regular or customary (5)
- 13 Give birth to a calf (5)
- 15 Astonish (5)
- 16 Lawn (5)
- 20 Venomous snake (5)
- 21 Right and left? (5)
- 22 Severe abdominal pain (5)
- 23 English as a prefix (5)
- 26 Suffix denoting "somewhat" (3)
- 28 Strange (3)

DOWN

- 1 Scottish port (3)
- 2 One of the constellations (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS G
KOR XFNG, KOR RYAENFYT, KOR LFGZHR, VYA KOR GQARLK VNR YRVN KQ PFNKER.



Linemaro

On a scale of 1 to 10, you're a 9. I'm the 1 you need



Mindchow

The time to ensure a toilet works is before you need it



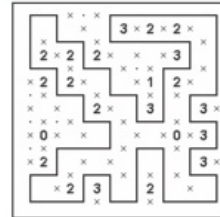
Joke of the day

Best way to get rid of kitchen odours - eat out.

Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



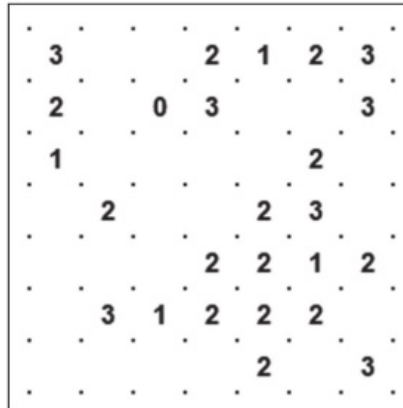
(Fig A)

(Fig B) Not Allowed

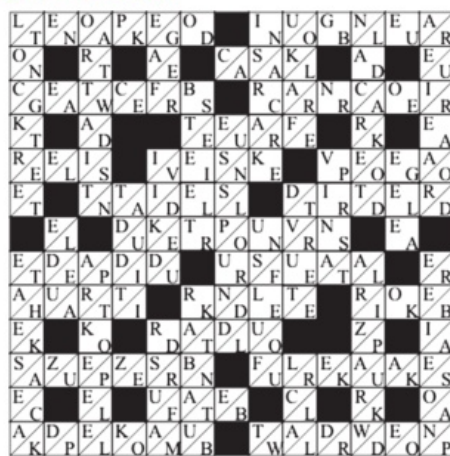
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



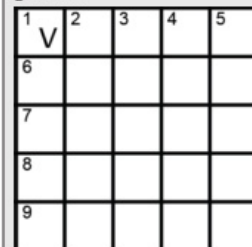
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



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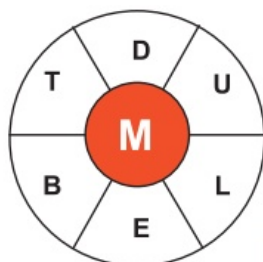
- 1 Vac it; 6 Mien I;
- 7 Inner; 8 It nor;
- 9 Scots

DOWN

- 1 Vic in; 2 Naomi;
- 3 Stint; 4 Inter;
- 5 Cores

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

2 7 8 8 = 11

Medium

3 4 5 9 = 13

Hard

2 9 9 5 = 18

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Policeman's legs are longer. 2. Pocket is larger. 3. Belt is missing. 4. Foot is missing. 5. Bush is smaller. 6. Leaves on tree are missing.

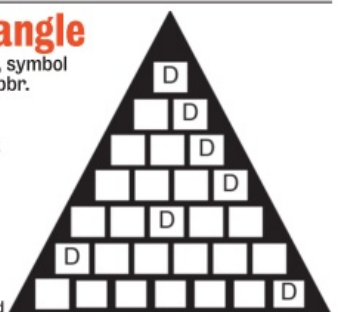
Riddler

A sum of money is divided up so that Emma gets one-eighth, Rod gets two-sevenths, William gets four-ninths and Isaac gets the remaining £438. What was the sum of money?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Hydrogen isotope, symbol
- 2 Advertisement, abbr.
- 3 Bouncer
- 4 Crushed an exam
- 5 Officer in training
- 6 Pour wine
- 7 Passed a bill

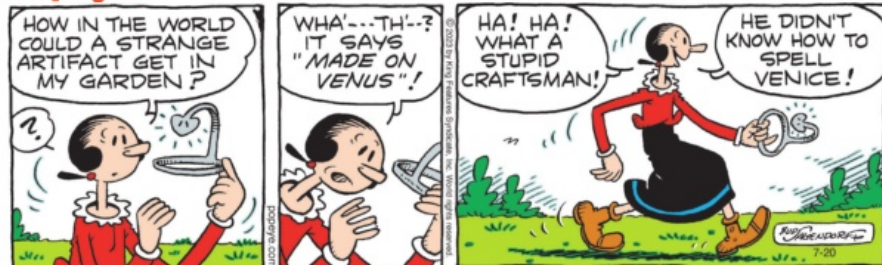
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



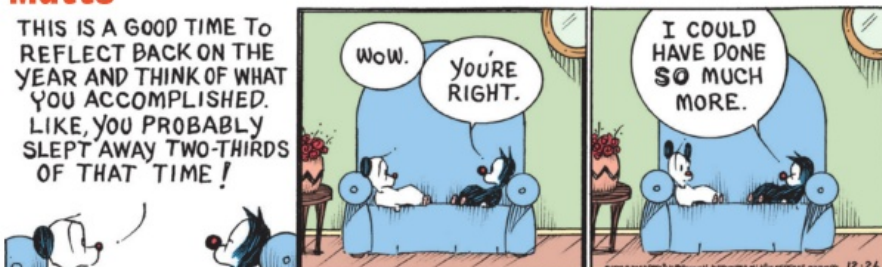
Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you may feel dull. You may also have some health issues, which may likely affect your day-to-day work. You find yourself under mysterious fear, which may make you sensitive and emotional. You are advised to avoid rush driving and adventure tours. You are also attracted by the occult. You are advised to visit some religious places; chanting mantras or prayers will also give you some relief.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, you may not be able to enjoy your work life as well as your family life. You are advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse, as it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships may likely be resolved. Singles are advised not to hurry in making decisions related to marriage. With patience, you may come out of the messy situation.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today is not a good day for you. You may be a victim of negative thoughts and impatience. Your arrogance may push you back from making tough decisions. Your life seems to be stuck somewhere, and you may need the blessings of your elders to help you come back from the messy situations. Avoid making investments in dead assets. Love birds shall avoid discussing worthless topics.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you may enjoy with your family. You may spend some romantic moments with your spouse, which may boost understanding. You may likely spend money on buying some artefacts or household stuff to renovate your house. You may enjoy parties and events. You are advised to read documents carefully before making any investments in fixed assets.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today, you may be able to implement business plans successfully with the support of your subordinates. You may be involved in some social or family get-togethers, boosting your network. You may likely go for short business-related travels, which may give you benefits in the near future.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, at the start of the day, you may not be focused on your work, but with the help of elders' blessings, you may be able to control this messy situation. You may easily find the resources, which might be important for the completion of the project. Your sources of income are likely to increase, and your losses may be converted into profits, boosting your financial health.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may feel happy and energetic. You may explore and analyse yourself, which may give you confidence, and you may likely be able to face any type of challenge, making you courageous. You are advised to keep patience in making some financial decisions in business. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today is a good day; your financial health is likely to be good. You may benefit from your past investments. You may control your spending on worthless stuff, boosting your savings. Love birds are advised to be polite in conversations with their partners; otherwise, conflicts may arise between them.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, you will expect some big orders from some new clients, which will increase your liquidity in the business. You are likely to meet some influential person who may help you grow your business. Your bond with the boss may become strong, and you may expect some promotions because of hard work. Your prestige may increase now.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today is a good day for you. Your enthusiasm may be at its peak, but you need to regulate it. Self-analysis may help you gain confidence, increasing your prestige in society. You will resolve many problems with the help of communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making investments. You may also plan for higher studies for a good career.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you may be busy with issues related to siblings and relatives. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network. You may likely get an order, which may increase your family business. Your network may help you complete your tasks successfully. There may be some smart gains after a little effort.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today, you are blessed by your elders, which may give you patience in your thought process. You are likely to be happy and calm. You may plan to visit some spiritual place to seek peace of mind. You may also donate some amount to a spiritual place for development. There may be some chances for overseas travel.



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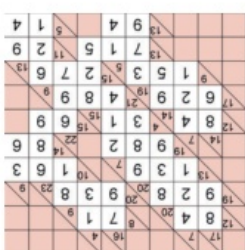
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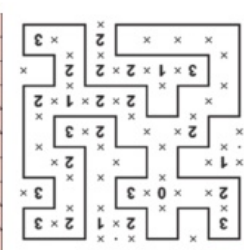
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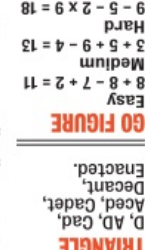
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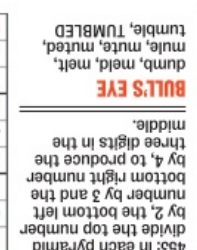
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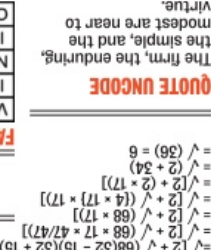
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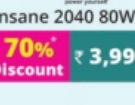
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